

## THREE EYE LEAGUE IS STILL SEEKING THE EIGHTH CITY

Seven Clubs Qualify and Post Checks at Midwinter Meeting of Magnates in Moline Yesterday.

TEAMS WILL PLAY IN 140 GAMES

Freeport and Galesburg Fail to Send Representatives—Visitors Guests at Banquet at Manufacturers.

The long delayed midwinter Three-Eye league meeting was held in Moline yesterday afternoon at the Manufacturers' hotel. It was brought to a fitting close in the evening with a banquet, the Moline ball club being host. After all business had been finished the Three-Eye directors found themselves with only seven clubs on hand to open the season. The failure of either Freeport or Galesburg to send representatives to the meeting was a keen disappointment, as the magnates had hoped to fix the personnel of the circuit yesterday and get squared away for the opening of the season.

The Rockford party came to Moline by way of Freeport and "Doc" Cummings, manager of the Freeport club, met them at the depot in that city and appointed C. W. Olson, secretary of the Rockford club, as representative to act for Freeport. It is known that Freeport has not the necessary \$1,000 to post as forfeit to start the season, but great effort will be made to hear in that town to put things in shape in a financial way.

Galesburg Mum. No representative from Galesburg showed up during the day, nor did the Knox county send any word to the league whatever, to show its inclination to assume a franchise. Two committees were named by President Tarnsey to clear up the matter of the eighth member of the circuit at the earliest possible moment. L. L. Hance, Rock Island, James T. Hayes, Davenport, and O. W. Shannon, Quincy, will visit Galesburg soon to try to interest the people in a Three-Eye franchise. The second committee, consisting of Tom Reber and C. W. Olson of Rockford and Jack Ryan of Peoria, will canvass the situation in Freeport. Should either of these cities fail to qualify it looks as though the Three-Eye will have to start with six clubs, under which plan, it is feared, the tri-cities would get an overdose of baseball. It may be that East St. Louis or Aurora will be considered in a pinch.

Three schedules were submitted, two of them being prepared by Frank Landers of Rockford and Phil Apple of Quincy. Although none of the charts was considered yesterday, the directors decided on a 140-game campaign, opening the season April 26 and closing Sept. 4. A committee, consisting of the presidents of the tri-city clubs, will take final action on the schedule and notify the other members of its arrangements. Under this plan Rock Island is certain to get its opening date at home.

Changes in the constitution were made to conform with the national baseball laws. Great stress was laid on the \$1,800 salary limit and each club can only carry 13 players, including a manager, whether he plays or directs from the bench. It was also decided that each club be obliged to post a \$1,000 forfeit each year, in the form of a draft, on or before March 1 or the club may be automatically dropped from the circuit. The drafts will be returned in September.

### Meet Late.

The meeting was set for 1:30 in the afternoon, but the session was not called to order until 2:30 in a banquet room on the second floor. President Tarnsey presided and Secretary O. W. Shannon of Quincy read the minutes of the previous meeting. After the changes in the constitution had been explained the directors went into executive session until 5 o'clock. Mr. Tarnsey departed for Chicago at 6 o'clock.

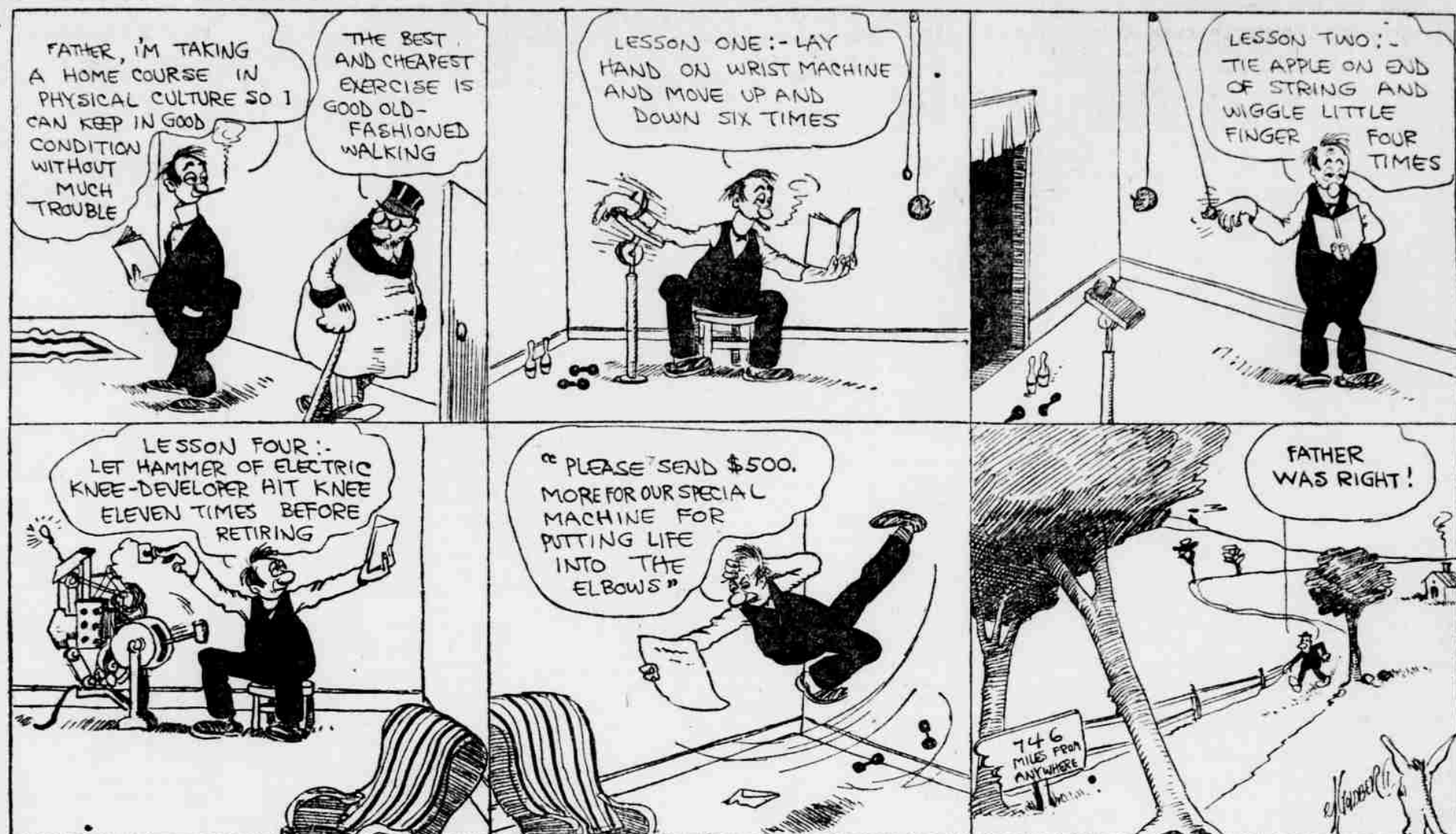
The managers of the tri-city teams, Pete Lister, Rock Island; Dan O'Leary, Davenport; and George Hughes, Moline, were present, but no trades of any kind developed during the meeting. Hughes, however, intimated that some were hanging fire.

### Those Present.

Following is a list of the men who represented the various cities at the meeting:

Rockford—Tom Reber, C. W. Olson, J. M. Croon.  
Quincy—O. W. Shannon, Phil Apple.  
Peoria—Jack Ryan, John White, Adie Adams, Jerry Eddinger, Matt Kaegle.  
Bloomington—E. E. Pierson.  
Moline—Lee Blackman, C. P. Skinner, George Hughes.  
Rock Island—Dr. Eli Bradford, Peter Lister, Oscar Litt, L. L. Hance, Jack Tighe.  
Davenport—Dick and Reed Lane, James T. Hayes, Dan O'Leary.  
C. P. Skinner of Moline was toastmaster at the banquet in the evening. Brief talks were made by the representatives of the various cities and all urged cooperation, strict observance of

## FATHER WAS RIGHT—By Goldberg



## TEX LOOKING FOR BIG MONEY HOUSE

Rickard Gives Some Advance Dope on Probable Receipts in Willard and Moran Bout.

New York, March 10.—Tex Rickard, promoter of the Willard-Moran bout, announced that the box office at Madison Square garden had already taken in about \$70,000 in cash for tickets for the big bout of March 25. He also declared that the management had more than \$20,000 worth of orders for boxes which will be taken up before the bout and \$30,000 worth of seats still remained to be sold.

While Rickard has consented to follow the dictates of the boxing commission concerning the financial details of the bout, nevertheless he does not think the commission has a right to hold up the money that he has contracted to give the boxers. He has agreed to give them the purse for a boxing exhibition, and when they box the 10 rounds they will have fulfilled their part of the contract. He believes that if the commission should decide that the bout was not satisfactory and tried to withhold the purse the boxers would sue him for the amount he had contracted to give them.

Fred Wenck, chairman of the state athletic commission, sent a prompt and pointed answer to Senator John J. Dunnigan yesterday. Senator Dunnigan has charged that many of the licenses issued by the commission are not legal and that the commission was not inclined to be courteous when he sought information about its affairs. Chairman Wenck in his letter to the senator stated that all the files of the commission, the letter files, pigeon holes and every drawer in every desk in the office were open for inspection, and while it would be impractical to move them all up to Albany, the senator was at liberty to come to the office and look over any and all of the records.

the salary limit and clean sportsmanship.

Following the dinner, the visitors who stayed over were taken to Rock Island and entertained by members of the local club.

### Peoria Signs Collegian.

Chicago, March 10.—Announcement was made here today that Eddie Hanley, a catcher, had signed with the Peoria club of the Three-Eye league. Hanley formerly played on the St. Ignace college nine.

### Kentucky Favors Boxing.

Frankfort, Ky., March 10.—A bill to legalize 15-round boxing bouts in Kentucky passed the house late yesterday by a vote of 48 to 27. Friends of the bill claim it will pass in the senate. The measure provides for a board of control of three members, to be appointed by the governor, to have "sole direction, management and control over all boxing and sparring matches."

### Pirates Release Two Players.

Pittsburgh, March 10.—Announcement was made by the Pittsburgh National league baseball club yesterday that James E. McAuley, shortstop, and W. P. Siglin, second baseman, had been released to the Rochester club of the International league.

## WILLIAM AND VASHTI QUINTET, STATE CHAMPIONS



## COMMISH FROWNS ON BARNSTORMING TRIP

Cincinnati, March 10.—The national baseball commission yesterday issued a notice approving the recent legislation by the two major leagues abolishing barnstorming trips.

The commission also issued a notice that the number of players who have been recalled under optional agreements and who may be released again under optional agreements is increased to five. Formerly the number was limited to two. This change was made to meet the changed conditions in baseball owing to the signing of the peace agreement recently. It will be in effect only during the season of 1916.

## CENTRALS TO PLAY AGAIN IN DEWITT

The Central basketball team of Rock Island leaves this afternoon for DeWitt, Iowa, where they will clash tonight with the fast DeWitt team in the final game of the season. In two previous clashes each team won one and the tilt tonight will decide the title between the rivals. A large number of fans will witness the game. The locals will line up with Taber, Gleason and Smith at forwards, Reeves center, and Morris and Miller guards.

### Griff Team Takes Field.

Washington, March 10.—The second squad of the Washington American league baseball club left here yesterday for the training camp at Charlottesville, Va., with Manager Griffith in charge. Griffith has 31 men from among whom he will select his team—13 pitchers, four catchers, six infielders and eight outfielders. Ainsmith, one of the veteran catchers, who is here undergoing treatment for his eyes, did not accompany the squad, but will report later. Walter Johnson was the only pitcher in the party.

### Leary May Coach Harvard Eleven.

Cambridge, Mass., March 10.—"The man of the hour" in Harvard's tangled football affairs, badly mused by the required retirement of Gilman, Boles and Enright, may be Leo H. Leary, who was yesterday being spoken of as the new head coach to succeed Percy Houghton.

### Bresnahan Will Sign Dolan.

Toledo, O., March 10.—Roger Bresnahan, owner of the Toledo American association club, was considering favorably yesterday the application for a berth with the local team which he received by wire yesterday from "Cozy" Dolan, centerfielder of the St. Louis National league team. George Stovall will leave tomorrow for Kentucky, where he will select a training camp for the Toledo team.

## LOCALS IN SHAPE FOR ALEDO CLASH

Curtain on 1915-16 Basketball Season to Be Rung Down at High School Gymnasium Tonight.

(BY BOB OLMSTED.)

The windup of the basketball season will come tonight for the Rock Island high school, when the home boys meet the fast quintet from Aledo at 8 o'clock on the floor of the high school gymnasium. As it will be the last chance to see the Rock Island style of play for 1916, it is expected that the fans will turn out in force and see once more the team work and basket shooting that has made this one so successful a season for the crimson and gold.

The feature of the game tonight is expected to be the highly developed skill of the Rock Island players, who are at present in their best shape since the opening of the season. Tuesday night in practice they established their record, a total of 41 points in 18 minutes. The scoring machine is at its best and the guards are also working wonderfully well.

The Aledo squad is a fast little team and is expected to put up a stiff game this evening. Its record for this year has been a fairly good one, in spite of the fact that it was defeated in its first game at the district tournament by the five from Altona. This defeat, however, was not a large one and it is rumored that the Mercer county boys have greatly improved their style of play since then. In the last game with Rock Island the score was 23 to 21 in favor of the latter, and as fast a game as that one is anticipated tonight.

The usual Rock Island lineup will start the game tonight, but it is thought that there will be many substitutions in order to give all the boys a final workout. The two squads are as follows:

Rock Island—Al Taber, rf; Dempsey, lf; Thomas, c; Ackley, rg; Heimbeck, lg.

Aledo—Henderson, rf; Luttrell, lf; Bradford, c; Giebrech, rg; Chede, lg.

Tom Gibbons Wallops Hansen.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 10.—Tom Gibbons of St. Paul, seconded by his brother, Mike, middleweight challenger, won a decision in 10 rounds over Vic Hansen, centerfielder of the St. Louis National league team. George Stovall will leave tomorrow for Kentucky, where he will select a training camp for the Toledo team.

## FRED MERKLE TO PLAY WITH HOSE

Deal Under Way With McGraw, Who is Attempting to Snare Hal Chase for the Giants.

Chicago, March 10.—How would Fred Merkle, now a Giant, look to you in a White Sox uniform, playing first base? Poor, eh?

Such a happening is not improbable if the underground reports, leaking out of an authoritative source, come true. It all depends on Hal Chase, jumping first sack guardian, who quit Comiskey via the life insurance route to play with the Feds. At present he is under contract to Harry Sinclair, who is also anxious to get rid of him.

There is a deal on the fire now whereby Prince Hal will become a member of McGraw's Giants and it is likely to go through, for Chase is supposed to be on his way east to confer with Owner Hempstead of the New York club regarding a contract.

This leads on to Merkle's coming to the Six. While Rowland is pretty well satisfied with the make-up of the stock yard clan at the present time, he would not be averse to picking up another star of such brilliance as Merkle, who, it appears, is dissatisfied with his New York berth. He can play the outfield in case Fournier, John Collins or Ness come through in expected style, whereas, if they fall down, Merkle can go in at his favorite position.

It is a well known fact that Chase will never be permitted to don a White Sox uniform, in view of his tactics during the Fed scrape. Commy wishes him well, but does not want him on his payroll, but he would not kick on getting Merkle, if such a deal could be arranged.

The hitch lies in the inability of McGraw to get him out of the National league for Jim Callahan of the Pirates who is also strong for the hero of the most famous blunder in baseball. He would fit in nicely on the Pittsburgh club, although pressure might be brought to bear on the U. L. owners to pass on Merkle for the prestige the league would get in having a star like Chase in their midst. Also because New York desires it.

## GREENLEAF BEATEN BY LAYTON IN MEET

Chicago, March 10.—George Clark of Brooklyn and Ed Blankenship of Detroit, each with four games won and one lost, are tied for first place in the national championship pocket billiards tournament here today. Mike Petrie of Chicago and Ralph Greenleaf of Monmouth, Ill., who had been bracketed with Clark and Blankenship at the top, met defeats yesterday. Four games are scheduled to be played today. In the afternoon James Maturato of Denver is to meet Jesse L. Chapman of Chicago and Blankenship is to play Morris Fink of Philadelphia.

## FITZGIBBON FIVE CLIMBS TO FRONT TRI CITY CIRCUIT

Moline Bowlers Handed Three by Forfeited Route, While Edelweiss Loses to the Harms Team.

ART SALZMANN GETS 629 COUNT

H. Wich Also Passes 600 Mark On the Blackhawk Alleys—Cross Country Wallop Martins.

### Tri-City Standing.

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
FitzGibbons	66	42	24	.536
Edelweiss	66	41	25	.521
Cross Country	63	36	27	.571
Blackhawks	60	33	27	.550
Cubs	63	29	34	.450
Harms	66	29	37	.439
Martins	66	26	40	.394
Outings	66	22	44	.333

While the FitzGibbon five of Moline was coping three games without an effort from the Outings, via the forfeit route, the Harms team took two out of three hotly contested games from the Edelweiss bowlers at the Island City alleys last night. By virtue of the unearned triple victory the FitzGibbon men shot into first place, with Mueller's crew trailing by one game. It is the first time the Edelweiss team has been displaced since taking the lead. Art Salzmans led both teams with a 629 count, getting 297, 210 and 212.

At the Blackhawk alleys in Davenport the Martins dropped two to the Cross Country, winning the final tilt when they piled up a 908 count. H. Wich led with 615. The Outings failed to appear at the Island City alleys Sunday the Martins took two out of the Harms five. The scores:

### At Island City Alleys.

EDELWEISS.			
Johnson	214	151	149
Bleuer	140	201	174
Mueller	212	156	156
Kitty	184	160	152
Salzmans	207	210	212
Total	957	878	852

HARMS.			
Jensen	200	218	177
Mason	201	205	179
Newman	192	154	157
Heitman	149	144	173
Grams	146	166	167
Total	888	887	858

At Blackhawk Alleys.			
CROSS COUNTRY.			
Lindberg	176	155	115
Joe Wich	171	183	153
Graham	202	190	165
Wagner	130	144	150
H. Wich	217	218	178
Total	896	890	771

MARTINS.			
Krabbenhoft	126	155	169
Crone	187	163	145
Van Driel	172	132	171
Lohmiller	181	207	177
Crandall	167	163	192
Total	833	820	908

At Harms Alleys.			
FITZGIBBONS.			
H. Erickson	187	152	190
R. Carlson	144	124	142
Townsend	184	166	136
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